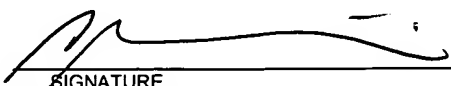


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>08319-010</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/CA02/01533</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>Unknown/530729</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>October 11, 2002</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>October 11, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>IMPROVED UNDERPAD SYSTEM</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>LEMIEUX, Alain</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
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3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.		
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).		
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).		
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.		
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.		
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.		
14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.		
15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.		
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.		
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.		
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... \$300				\$ 300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100 All other situations..... \$200				\$ 200.00	
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<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$ 900.00	
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$ 1030.00	
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<p>          SIGNATURE  <u>Robert Brouillette</u>          NAME  <u>31,390</u>          REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>					

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**The Honorable Commissioner  
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Re : Entry into the national phased based on international  
application PCT/CA02/001533  
Title : Improved underpad system  
Inventor/  
Applicants: Alain LEMIEUX  
Our file : 08319-010

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**FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.495**

Dear Madam/Sir:

The undersigned attorney has been authorized by the applicant to file the above-captioned patent application on his behalf.

The application is to be filed in accordance with the enclosed filing particulars as mentioned on page 3 of the present letter and well as the attached USpto Form PTO-1390.

For payment of the filing fees regarding the entry into the national phase, please find enclosed herewith the credit card form, USpto Form PTO-2038, requesting the amount of \$515.00 for payment of the required fees.

If any additional fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to use our deposit account number 50-3436 for these related fees as mentioned in the attached Transmittal letter of USpto Form PTO-1390.

The above-identified applicant is prepared to file a written declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64, signed by him, when required by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Enclosed:

- Transmittal Letter to the USpto Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371, Form PTO-1390
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- Copy of the Amendments (Amendments after Written Opinion Pursuant to PCT Rule 66)
- A substitute specification

To follow:

- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Information disclosure statement
- List of prior art
- Copy of prior art

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